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2	SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK - CIVIL TERM - PART 12	
3	In The Matter of the Application of	
4	MARIAH LOPEZ, Petitioner, Index No.	
5	100632/17	
6	-against-	
7	NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT HOMELESS SERVICES,	
8	Respondent.	
9	60 Centre Street	
10	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE New York, New York May 31, 2017	
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12́	BEFORE:	
13	HONORABLE BARBARA JAFFE,	
14	SUPREME COURT JUSTICE	
15	APPEARANCES:	
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2	THE COURT: Good morning, everybody.
3	MR. CONNOLLY: Good morning.
4	MR. ROBERTS: Good morning.
5	THE COURT: So, we have a new file here.
6	And, before we begin, Mr. Roberts, and your last name?
7	MR. CONNOLLY: Kevin Connolly from Project
8	Renewal, your Honor.
9	THE COURT: So, were you served with new
10	papers?
11	MR. CONNOLLY: I don't know what new papers
12	you are referring to, your Honor.
13	MS. LOPEZ: Your Honor, if you want a short
14	answer, the answer is no. But, I have an explanation
15	that I would think would be reasonable when you
16	THE COURT: I always like a short answer.
17	That's good. Okay. No, I don't need an explanation
18	right now. Mr. Roberts?
19	MR. ROBERTS: So, I have not seen the papers
20	that were filed on Friday other than the order that
21	Judge Nervo signed. So, I don't know what the
22	supporting papers were that went to that. I do want to
23	alert the Court to procedural matters.
24	THE COURT: Let's first get the housekeeping
25	out of the way. Oh, to procedural matters?
26	MR. ROBERTS: Yes, your Honor.

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2	THE COURT: Tell me.
3	MR. ROBERTS: So, first Ms. Lopez submitted
4	papers in Federal Court before Judge Caproni yesterday.
5	And, Judge Caproni has ordered us all to appear in
6	front of her at noon today. So, I just want to advise
7	you of that.
8	MS. LOPEZ: I won't be seeking identical
9	relief. No problem.
10	MR. ROBERTS: I think that
11	MS. LOPEZ: I said, I will not be seeking
12	identical relief.
13	MR. ROBERTS: So, I read her papers, to
14	Judge Caproni, to seek identical relief. But, anyway
15	maybe I misread them.
16	The other matter is that Ms. Lopez was
17	arrested on the, I believe the 24th and now has a
18	criminal case pending in the Bronx with a felony charge
19	and three misdemeanor charges according to the
20	public.doc. I am very concerned.
21	I assume she has been appointed counsel by
22	Legal Aid or some such organization in the Bronx. I
23	phoned and left a voicemail message with Legal Aid in
24	the Bronx I didn't talk to anybody on Friday
25	afternoon just saying, you know, that "Your client
26	has a civil proceeding going on that probably will

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Proceedings 1 enter into the same factual basis that your criminal 2 case is about. And, I'm personally uncomfortable 3 talking to Ms. Lopez." Now, because I think she's represented and 5 the matter, part of the suspension, involves the events 6 that resulted in her arrest, so I just alert you to 7 this kind of problem. 8 And, I don't want to -- I don't know whether 9 I'm Mirandizing her or what, but I'm not trying to 10 elicit from her testimony about those events, but I 11 think we'll have to confront them. And, I think it is 12 a problem, because she is represented in the Bronx, but 13 not here. 14 So, I'm not sure I have a solution, but I 15 thought you should be aware that this is the problem 16 that I am seeing right now. 17 MS. LOPEZ: Your Honor, good morning. So, T 18 just want to address several things, but because 19 Mr. Roberts stood up, the way he did, I think I will 20 get to the issue. I was going to wait a little longer 21 to get to, housekeeping as you called it. 22

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I believe, overall, the conduct of Mr. Roberts is unethical and borderline outrageous. I believe everything he just put on the record, he's an intelligent enough attorney, to have forethought or

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foreseen.

And, I believe that much of it, including

Project Renewal and the City's Law Department's urging

of the staff at the facility to press charges against

me was by design.

And, so, I want to say, in general, I'm concerned not only about my criminal liability going forward, but being denied fair access to this Court and its procedures by counsel playing a game of trying to outmaneuver a pro se layperson litigant.

I have a very simple solution, because I know my way around the Court and Court procedure. How about if I just agree on the record here that we are not going to discuss any of the specific matters around the arrest, because I'm a grown enough woman to understand my own criminal liability. Let me absolve your fears.

Mr. Roberts is making excuses about not wanting to interact with me, because -- those excuses are unfounded -- I will have to deal with the potential criminal liability.

You have done your duty by informing the Court of your non-desire to have me to elicit criminal facts. I believe that the instant matter that he is referring to will come up in general terms, but my plan is to make an argument that is broad and around the

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pattern of behavior of the respondent. So, I don't have any requirement here in this Court today or later to go into the specific details with Mr. Roberts thereby somehow jeopardizing my only criminal liability in the Bronx matter.

I also want to point out, your Honor, that, ever since Mr. Roberts asked me to concede to an adjourn date across the street, in a separate matter, and I refused, the last time we were here in person, his conduct and behavior to me has been distant, to say the least.

And, again, it appears now, in hindsight, that, what he was doing was by design. He was distancing hisself in not speaking to me including in realtime as incidents unfolded that could have been resolved without going to court.

I informed Mr. Roberts, the day I was arrested, that day, that there were serious, serious safety concerns at the facility including outside people entering the facility that he or other City Council or even counsel for Project Renewal could absolve or resolve excuse me and they did not.

I would like to get to the matter here and give you a little more background on what happened since Thursday, only because it pertains to my filings

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2 on Friday.

And, I also just want to say that the Order that I got, that your Honor granted, the TRO, I don't remember if I was so specific in the relief that I sought to name Wind West or exclusively name Wind West as the facility that I didn't want to be transferred to, however, the wording in that Order has allowed the respondents to effectively suspend my services knowing that the reliefs in this order was not specific enough to help me. And, I was helpless having to do sex work since last week. And, on that regard, I will have a seat now and relax my argument.

Your Honor, one of the first days I came in front of you, you sort of responded to me saying that "I was doing sex work" in a stunned way, which is understandable or it appeared to be.

I'm a woman who is a sex worker. And only, because of laws, local to New York, prostitution is expressly illegal. I do not have shame. And, I believe that they are relevant to this case.

If the respondents truly believe that when I'm not in the shelter, I'm out of the system, and what I'm doing is sex work, unless they don't believe that, then that does play to their motivation in their actions to suspend my services. So, you knew I would

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8 1 Proceedings 2 be homeless. They knew I would be doing sex work and 3 they did what they did anyway. 4 If your Honor would like, I said I could 5 explain what happened, not to the incident itself, but 6 how I ended up having the need to file a new motion 7 before this Court. 8 MR. ROBERTS: So, your Honor, I don't know 9 if you had, had a chance to read the answer that I 10 submitted. 11 THE COURT: I did. 12 MR. ROBERTS: So, there is a long history 13 now of Ms. Lopez defiantly violating rules and when 14 asked to comply with rules directly saying no, she won't. In going forward, they include sleeping with 15 16 other clients, having candles, bringing wine into the 17 facility and bringing food. There is also a long 18 history of her threatening other employees of the 19 facility. 20 We have here today -- if you want to have witnesses, we have both the witness -- four of the five 21 22 people who signed affidavits. The other client 23 facilitator, I think his name is Ogle (phonetic) -- I'm forgetting his name. He's not here, but the other four 24 25 are here and you can hear from them if you would like.

But, on Wednesday, last week, I did, at the

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beginning of the day, when I was working on these papers, receive a phone call from Ms. Lopez, which I took to say, would I like to settle the case by completely reorganizing the management of Project Renewal. I did not view that as a productive effort on the day I was trying to file the papers.

Later that day, she got in multiple arguments with staff, hit a staff member, the police came, the police cuffed her, she resisted arrest, she bit a police officer, they took her to the hospital. They took the police officer to the hospital. That was when your Order said she had to comply with the rules. She didn't.

She was then suspended. I notified the Court of the suspension on Thursday. We now want -- the suspension is expiring today. We would like again to place her. We have transferred her to a new facility she simply cannot go back to a facility that she is so consistently disrupting and attacked the staff.

Like, I got to say, this facility, this organization, Project Renewal, takes its security seriously. Two years ago the shelter's boss, the head, the director of one of the shelters, was assassinated by a client, was shot in the street by a client of the shelter. So, the proposition that the safety of the

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employees is something that is not of concern should really be put aside. The safety is important.

And, as of Friday, Ms. Lopez came back to the shelter and went to one of the directors and told him that she thought she knew where he lived and she would have his fucking head blown off.

This is totally unacceptable behavior and she has to be transferred to a facility with better mental health capacity, which is what we have done. And, I beg you to respect the professional judgment and look at this entire history of disruption since day one that Ms. Lopez has arrived.

I don't know why she's done this, but she's disrupted everything about this facility which is trying to get its legs under it. It's only three months old. Please, let us transfer her. That's all that is at stake.

Today the suspension comes to an end. Today it is just a question of transfer.

MR. CONNOLLY: Your Honor, I would briefly like to explain my client's position. My client, Project Renewal, is non-for-profit agency that operates shelters around the city.

In this instance, Marsha's House is a shelter specifically designed to provide food, housing, shelter

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2 to the LBGT community.

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My client has been trying to do the best that they can to provide these services to those that are in need. However, since Ms. Lopez has become a resident of this facility, she's repeatedly violated the shelter rules.

In addition to, you know, the numerous violations such as, you know, missing curfew on a regular basis, sneaking wine into the building, she's threaten and harassed not only the staff of Project Renewal, but also other residents.

Numerous staff members and other residents have come forward and stated that they do not feel comfortable living there anymore. And, they do not feel safe.

In fact, numerous staff members have, actually said that they won't come to work with her in the building, because they just don't feel safe.

As Mr. Roberts just said, we take this matter especially seriously, because not too long ago the shelter director for Project Renewal was murdered on her way to her car leaving the shelter. You know with the constant threats that Ms. Lopez has made -- and it's outlined in the affidavit that Caton Grinnal (phonetic) provided, who's also the shelter director of

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12 Proceedings 1 2 Project Renewal, which is the very same position of our prior employee who was murdered. That affidavit 3 4 specifically outlines with the constant threats, morale 5 is very low. You know, the very same employees that 6 Project Renewal relies upon to keep the shelter 7 operating and to provide the services that people like 8 Ms. Lopez need, don't feel comfortable coming to work. 9 And, we can't continue to operate the facility, you 10 11 know, with this going on. You know, so based upon the continued pattern 12 13 of misconduct, we submitted our suspension request on the City. Now, it was the City's decision to transfer 14 It is the City's decision that's at issue. But, 15 we stand by the information that we provided the City 16 17 for them to make their decision. All right. 18 THE COURT: MR. CONNOLLY: We think it would be best for 19 20 all parties, Ms. Lopez included, to have her transferred to another facility. Like he said, we are 21 a new shelter. And, morale is very low. We have 22 employees that are willing to testify right now. 23

> THE COURT: I heard you the first time. I understand.

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Your Honor, I have yet to see MS. LOPEZ:

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2	any of the affidavits. And, I think we discussed, the
3	day that your Honor granted the TRO officially, that,
4	if we are going to have issues if we are going to be
5	deciding evidentiary issues, including testimony from
6	anybody trying to place testimony against me, that
7	we'll then, we should have a hearing. I would be
8	asking for a hearing.
9	THE COURT: What about that, Mr. Roberts?
10	MR. ROBERTS: What about what? The hearing?
11	I have witnesses prepared. I do have I wanted to
12	submit to the Court two documents that are the incident
13	reports in which that I just eluded to, where
14	Ms. Lopez asked about the address of one of the staff
15	members, Mr. Barley and then came back on Friday and
16	told him that quote I showed your picture to everyone
17	in Fort Greene. I'm going to have my cousin's come and
18	blow your fucking head off.
19	THE COURT: Mr. Roberts, do we need a
20	, hearing here?
21	MR. ROBERTS: I don't think you do need a
22	hearing, your Honor.
23	MR. CONNOLLY: I don't think so.
24	THE COURT: Why is that?
25	MR. ROBERTS: The transfer has been ample
26	evidence. The transfer is in no way harmful. There

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2	has been no showing of irreparable harm. There has
3	been no showing of likelihood of success in the merits
4	and there is no need for a hearing. And, the transfer
5	could go forward.
6	If your Honor would like a hearing, we have
7	do have witnesses who can testify. But, I would like
8	the record to include these two documents, if I could,
9	that have not been that post date the answer, so
10	THE COURT: They post date the answer?
11	MR. ROBERTS: The one of them predates the
12	answer, because it was really irrelevant, but
13	THE COURT: Ms. Lopez?
14	MS. LOPEZ: I will wait until
15	THE COURT: I see these?
16	MS. LOPEZ: Yeah. I wasn't I actually
17	have something else. I have a petition.
18	THE COURT: Show it to Mr. Roberts before
19	you give it to me.
20	MS. LOPEZ: No, I was going to reference it
21	until I had the actual requisite copies, your Honor. I
22	have a I would like to go in order. So, I
23	apologize. Most of I got Mr. Roberts response on
24	the day I was released from
25	THE COURT: You mean the answer?
26	MS. LOPEZ: The answer. My apologies. The

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answer, the day I got out of Central Bookings. The fact that Mr. Roberts, as an officer of the Court, knew that I had just been released from custody and I was effectively homeless -- he is an attorney for the City, he has access to my records, he knows where I can and cannot go, so he served -- I got the answer the day I was made homeless.

(Petitioner talks to dog.)

Actually, she just reminded me of something. And, the City as well as Project Renewal in most of their actions have taken into no account the fact that moving means so much. It impacts my service animal, a completely healthy well rounded -- well, she has allergies -- well conditioned animal, who is certified and safe, from City Animal Care and Control. I will pause it again.

First of all, there were many inaccuracies in the Project Renewal's response, what they put on the record. That's why I am insisting on a hearing.

First off, the incident report that he just handed up, the shelter director is not a shelter director. His name is Mr. Barley. I'm aware of the allegations. And, he is a staff member that has received more complaints about physical aggression and there is footage of him openly intoxicated while on

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16 1 Proceedings 2 duty that I would happily present in a hearing that was taped by many of the clients. 3 MR. CONNOLLY: 4 For the record, your Honor --I didn't interrupt you. 5 MS. LOPEZ: 6 THE COURT: Don't do that. 7 MS. LOPEZ: I didn't interrupt you. He's 8 not a shelter director. If you are going to have a hearing to hear what he has to say, then your Honor, I 9 10 would get you a copy of this petition, but every signature in this petition represents a human, living 11 12 person, who is poor and could not get on the train this morning to get here, that signed a petition in support 13 of the changes I'm trying to bring about. 14 And, I will address the fact that your Honor 15 instructed me not to -- sort of keep my head down and 16 17 to comply by all the rules when I got there. But, since the TRO was granted, I started organizing, in a 18 civilized way, which is, I think, the most concerning 19 to the City attorneys. I believe that the ten page 20 21 report that I wrote is telling and disturbing for more 22 than one reason. 23 Project Renewal and City has represented over and over and over, your Honor, "This is a new facility. 24 This is a new facility." There's no person in New York 25

that is more experienced at opening new facilities than

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me. Joel A. V. Giuliani, I'm Joel A. Jean Dole v. I'm Jean Dole, Mariah Lopez V. Malory, I'm Mariah Lopez. Every single bed in social services that exists today, that did not exist before 1998, I had a direct hand in the opening of those programs. There are witnesses from the department of -- from Administration for Children Services including their commissioner, deputy commissioner, that are willing to come in and provide testimony only to the limited fact that I'm an expert for new programs geared for young people. Now, I'm just referencing these people. I'm going to sit down in a second, your Honor.

But, everything that the City and Project
Renewal presents to the Court, every document, every
bit of it, has been from staff and people that either
have a conflict of interest, because they are now
subjects of departmental investigation, investigation
that I started last week.

And, just for background, the individual that accused me of something on Wednesday is being reviewed by the Bronx District Attorney's Office for a potential crime in potentially offering material good in exchange for a person not providing information to the police about an aggravated harassment.

So, all I would be asking is this. The

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That much I did get a chance to see in the -you know, through the fog of getting out of Central Bookings. So, I did see the answer.

I couldn't respond, your Honor, to every single thing they said, like, I didn't sneak wine. There was a little souvenir bottle from a baby shower I went to that I forgot was in my bag. That's the wine they are referencing. I could speak to the fact that there are candles burning in most of the staff offices, but when I tried to light a candle in my room for religious purposes, which I comply and put out, they are making the biggest deal of.

Every bit of their testimony that he has provided or information he just provided is an exaggeration, your Honor. I have nowhere else safe to go. And, besides the fact that I believe that through an evidentiary hearing, I will just -- I would totally pull the rug out from all of their allegations. Besides that, I'm a disabled person with a medical psychiatric disability.

Every single allegation they have made are ones that do not endanger other clients and that the majority of the clients that live there, the people this facility was built for, actually, have signed the Case 1:17-cv-03014-VEC-OTW Document 46-12 Filed 07/28/17 Page 20 of 26

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2	petition, specifically, to get Caton Grinnal out of the
3	facility, but expressly, to you, I think he said it, to
4	overhaul the administration of the facility. So,
5	again, I'm going to sit down. There isn't anybody
6	that's better to have that starting facility. Just
7	starting a facility isn't grounds to just act
8	inappropriately.
9	THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Roberts, where
10	are we with the
11	MS. LOPEZ: Response phase.
12	THE COURT: with the TRO and the stay?
13	Where are we, again?
14	MR. ROBERTS: You granted
15	THE COURT: You transferred her out of
16	Marsha's House, because of these events, these alleged
17	events, right?
18	MR. ROBERTS: She was suspended.
19	THE COURT: She was suspended, fine.
20	MR. ROBERTS: Which is indeed different.
21	THE COURT: Right.
22	MR. ROBERTS: Now, the transfer she has
23	not been served with a transfer order, but we are
24	prepared to do that today, based on the assaults and
25	the history and the assaults from last Thursday.
26	THE COURT: What is it that you want me to

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MR. ROBERTS: What I want you to do is lift

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to the extent there is -- I want you to lift the stay against the transfer to the Wind Center. The Wind Center was -- there is one other facility that they are contemplating, but the Wind Center we think is the better facility. But, there is also a facility in Brooklyn called Magnolia House which has a bed, which has psychiatric facilities and mental health facilities we think are appropriate and needed.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. You answered my question. What is it that you want in a nutshell?

MS. LOPEZ: Your Honor, I'm going to move that my TRO remain in effect and, that, I move that it be modified to include -- to remove any specific facility so that it allows -- it doesn't allow them, procedurally, to transfer me anywhere. So, Wind West -- with the order as it stands, your Homor, it just says they can't transfer me to Wind West. I want to point that out too in my trying to point out the mechanizations of Mr. Roberts.

The suspension of my service is different. And, so, what I would be moving is to amend -- if I have to do it on papers, I will do that -- to amend the TRO to include that until this proceeding reaches its

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finality, that, they cannot suspend my services without coming back, specifically, in front of this Court.

Something similar to how Judges in Criminal Court write in limited orders of protections "Make those orders subject to Family Court."

What's happening right now, which is normal litigation, it has to do with where I sleep and live. And, if the respondents are going to make decisions after hours or ex parte or without the Court's knowledge directly or review, I believe that those actions will harm me. I also think, your Honor, that the TRO should remain in effect, because I do face irreparable harm if I am moved.

Every single facility -- I'm just sitting here hearing Mr. Roberts and counsel for Project Renewal mention facilities that I have a line of witnesses, that are trans, since the last proceeding to say, "Oh, hell no, that's where they stick us when they want us out of their hair" or "We have enumerable problems there with the other clients." I pause it again. The only facility where a open and transgender person in the Department of Homeless Services that does not want to face harassment from either the outside community outing them as being trans or you know or the people within, is Project Renewal Marsha's House.

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2	I believe that what's happening at this point
3	is they are trying to move to dissolve the TRO, your
4	Honor, so they can sort of go about their normal
5	business.
6	I brought my case in front of this Court,
7	because their normal goings on, isn't an everyday
8	business. It is impacting me to the point where I
9	might be harmed by going in the street.
10	THE COURT: Okay. What are you seeking in
11	Federal Court today?
12	MS. LOPEZ: I'm, actually, going to seek,
13	your Honor
14	THE COURT: What are you seeking?
15	MS. LOPEZ: I'm seeking a relief. But, let
16	me explain. There might be monetary
17	THE COURT: What relief?
18	MS. LOPEZ: Your Honor, I'm not an attorney.
19	Let me explain.
20	THE COURT: What was your application to the
21	Judge?
22	MS. LOPEZ: I didn't ask in my rushing
23	yesterday, in my haste, I merely informed the Judge of
24	what was going on. And, I then asked that he might
25	look at the papers, that they review it. I didn't
26	expressly ask for relief the same way. I'm aware that

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2	I would be coming here today.
3	THE COURT: Thank you. And, you have no
4	knowledge of which
5	MS. LOPEZ: I have the papers.
6	MR. CONNOLLY: I believe it was the same
7	relief requested here.
8	THE COURT: Okay. What about I don't decide
9	anything right now, wait until you see Judge Caproni,
10	then come back here in the afternoon, how about that,
11	and report to me? Or better yel, better yet, you don't
12	have to come back. You can make a call and advise
13	Mr. Casper what happened in Federal Court just for my
14	edification and I will issue a decision on the stay
15	today.
16	MR. CONNOLLY: Your Honor, the only thing I
17	will say is, you have both sides papers and the
18	THE COURT: I don't have the Federal Court
19	papers.
20	MR. CONNOLLY: No, there was no case in
21	Federal Court. It was just a letter Ms. Lopez
22	submitted yesterday.
23	THE COURT: I don't have that.
24	MR. CONNOLLY: No, I mean, for this instant
25	matter. In other words, if you are well versed with
26	the facts, your Honor

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24 1 Proceedings 2 THE COURT: I know. It depends. If I were 3 to render a decision and then Judge Caproni could do 4 something -- you know, I just don't see how that might 5 be a good thing. 6 MS. LOPEZ: Your Honor, I'm here too. I'm 7 If you granted a TRO that I'm asking for, it 8 would make the issue across the street moot. 9 THE COURT: Of course, it would. But, I'm 10 not doing that right now. 11 MS. LOPEZ: Okay. So, your Honor, what I'm 12 attempting to do more than anything is get the Judge to maybe inform them, without ordering them, that, the dog 13 14 and the placement -- because, all of what we're doing was already said across the street. 15 16 If you are asking me what I'm doing, the 17 Judge in her ruling, in order to dissolve, insisted that this facility was the safest place, that, they are 18 19 making all the same arguments absent some new 20 allegations. So, what I'm going to try to do is if the 21 judge would instruct them that this is the best place 22 without ordering them --23 THE COURT: This is what I'm going to do 24 then. And, Judge Caproni can just do whatever she I'm lifting the stay against the transfer based 25 wants.

on the record before me and the balancing of the

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2	equities here. But, I will issue a decision on the
3	Article 78 and decide whether or not there will be a
4	hearing. I'm not saying there will be a hearing yet.
5	There might be a hearing. I will put in my decision
6	whether there will be a hearing. That's it.
7	MS. LOPEZ: Your Honor, can I just
8	THE COURT: That's my decision, Ms. Lopez.
9	MS. LOPEZ: Okay.
10	THE COURT: Thank you very much.
11	MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, your Honor.
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